

# HANDBOOK *for* Freshmen



Men Students  
Association



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## STATEMENT

### *For the Freshman Handbook*

This booklet was planned and prepared by the officers and committees of our Men Students' Association in the hope that its contents would be helpful to our entering men students. It is good for our freshmen to know that they are coming to an institution which believes in friendly helpfulness.

*President, CHARLES M. HERLIHY*

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# Men Students' Association

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## INITIATION OF FRESHMEN

Freshmen hazing and initiation in the old days had two purposes, one of them commendable, the other regrettably less so. Today in most up-to-date colleges, the old barbaric custom of hazing for personal reasons or for "the fun of taking it out on the other fellow" is fortunately less in evidence. The purpose of this section is to try to acquaint entering freshmen with the real purposes underlying initiation at M. S. T. C.

Incoming classes are large, unorganized, and its members usually ignorant of the ideals and traditions of their new school. Their individual talents, social qualities, and "backbone" could do a great deal if directed into fruitful channels of mutual good. The initiation period tries to bring to light such qualities in the new men. Other sections of this book give an idea of some of these possible channels.

Freshmen will find that most of the upper-classmen make use of the period mainly in a whole-hearted effort to help them help themselves, and to aid the school in becoming better acquainted with them.

## ADVISORY SYSTEM

The plan for taking care of the incoming freshmen is called the advisory system. It was originated for the purpose of making the new men feel at home as quickly as possible.

The plan is simple; upper classmen have expressed their willingness to have their names sent to incoming Freshmen. Correspondence is carried on between these advisers and the Freshmen before school opening, and an appointment made to meet on the opening day of school. During these first days of uncertainty the upper classman lends a helping hand. It is hoped also that this will help to build up school spirit in the Freshman.

As soon as the new man has been made to feel at home the relationship between him and his advisor may or may not be continued; indeed it is felt that strong friendships may develop from such relationships.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

The Administration Building opens its doors every weekday at 7:30 A.M. Classes for the P. A. men start at 8:10 and for all other students at 9:00 A.M.

At 9:55 all classes go to the large assembly hall for short chapel exercises. Tuesday, the assembly period is one hour long at which time, during the year many interesting and informational programs are enjoyed.

No classes are in session between the hours of 12 and 1:00 P. M. which is lunch hour.

Afternoon classes begin at 1:15 P. M.

All students are expected to be out of the building by 5 o'clock at night.

Watch the bulletin-board near the general office for notices.



## LIBRARY

On the second floor of Administration Building will be found the college library containing more than 12,000 volumes. During study periods students may go there for study and research or recreational reading. Because many of the books are needed for assignment work during the day, certain regulations are necessary governing the borrowing of books. These regulations will be made known to Freshmen by the library authorities.

## MEN'S REST ROOM

The restroom was originated as a recreation and clubroom for the men students. A radio, playing-cards and comfortable furniture is provided, adding appreciably to the comforts of the room.

This room provides the only place on the campus available for smoking. This has been a convenience much appreciated by the men in the past.

No smoking is allowed while classes are in session, that is, between:

9:00 — 12:00 Noon

1:15 — 3:00 P.M.

## GENERAL OFFICE (post office)

Each student is given a box into which all communications to him, such as notices, mail, and report cards are placed. The general office is open between:

8:15 — 8:55 A.M.

12:00 — 12:15 (noon)

1:00 — 1:15 P.M.

3:00 — 4:30 P.M.

## CLUBS

In the school there are several clubs to which Freshmen are eligible and which have proved to be of mutual benefit to their members and to the college.

Freshmen will find it much to their advantage to become acquainted with these forms of extra-curricular activity. They will find that the clubs and societies will more than meet them halfway, since they are always in need of, and on the alert for men with character and a desire for beneficial and enjoyable activity.

Ask your advisor for further details. He will be able to give you much more help than this handbook can offer.

### MOHAWKS AND GAVELEERS

These two social clubs have been established to help create a better atmosphere of comradeship. They serve much the same purpose that fraternities do in some other colleges. Membership to either club is limited and only men who are invited are eligible.

There exists a friendly rivalry between the two clubs that is traditional. It is an incentive for accomplishing the aims and activities sought.

Many men have felt that their membership in one of these two clubs has helped to build up in themselves qualities of much value, qualities of leadership, self-confidence, and the ability to meet those many social obligations that form such a necessary part of a teacher's life.

The major activity for the year is the presentation of a three act play or the presenting of

some other form of entertainment to the public. Speakers are invited weekly or bi-weekly for the regular meetings. A dance is given during the year. Both clubs hold a yearly banquet at which the alumni members meet again. A Christmas party is given. Both clubs meet every Monday night at 7:30 in the college building.

## DRAMATIC CLUB

This is one of the most active of the College organizations and with a very high artistic standard. Meetings are held twice a month. Members are eligible who meet the try-out requirements held at the beginning of the year or who wish to learn something of the technical side of dramatics. In the latter case no formal try-out is required. A strong deciding factor is an applicant's willingness to work in the interests of the society. Ample opportunity is given in acting, directing, and stage work. The building of a background in dramatic history and art is emphasized.

At least one three - act play is presented during the year as well as a large number of one- and two-act plays.

## DEBATING CLUB

A club for members who wish to become forceful in their every day speech. The Inter Teachers' College forums are held during the year. Meetings and debates are conducted in the college assembly periods. The club offers a very real opportunity for self expression.

## GEOGRAPHY CLUB

Many people would enjoy a trip around the world. At present the only world cruise possible for us is an imaginary one. So why not join the Geography Club and plan your future journey? Members find that they are helped considerably in their regular geography class work in this club.

## MEN'S GLEE CLUB

All singers are eligible for the glee club. For those who like music, who enjoy singing that is harmoniously correct, or who like to gather around the piano in congenial companionship, this is the club to join. There are no dues or other financial obligations entailed.

## MEN STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION

At the opening of the college year every student is automatically enrolled into the ranks of the M. S. A. The entrance fee includes \$.50 dues which is deposited in the Association's treasury.

The purpose of this organization is to express student opinion. It's council, which is composed of representatives from the several divisions, meets twice a month and discusses business to be put before the student body.

At its monthly meeting, this business is discussed by all students and acted upon.

There are four boards which have special duties and help the council. These boards are; the Social board, Publication board, Finance board and the Civic board. The powers and duties of the boards are stated in the M. S. A. constitution.

# Constitution

Constitution for the Men Students' Association in the Fitchburg State Teachers College —adopted unanimously at the meeting on April 9, 1931.

## ARTICLE I

### NAME

The name shall be The Men Students' Association.

## ARTICLE II

### PURPOSE

The purpose shall be to express student opinion, to promote better feeling and cooperation between faculty and students, and to assume certain measures of school control.

## ARTICLE III

### DUES

Dues of fifty cents per year shall be payable at the opening of the school year.

## ARTICLE IV

### MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Shall consist of all the men students of the school.

Section 2. That a faculty member be invited by the association to serve as advisor.

Section 3. There shall be an advisory council elected, consisting of two members from each class section, one a commuter and the other a resident student, plus the officers of the association.

## ARTICLE V

### OFFICERS

The officers shall be the; President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

## ARTICLE VI

### BY-LAWS

The association shall have power to adopt By-Laws, which do not oppose this constitution, and the college administration.

## ARTICLE VII

### AMENDMENTS

Amendments to this constitution may be made by a majority vote of the association with the approval of the council; if the council rejects, or adds to the amendment it returns to the association, which if passed by a two thirds vote becomes a section of this Constitution, providing it meets the approval of the administration.

## ARTICLE VIII

### POWER

Section 1. The association shall have the power to express student opinion.

Section 2. The council shall have the power to intermediate between the association and administration.

## ARTICLE IX

### JUDICIARY

The president shall preside at both meetings of Association and Council, and shall interpret this Constitution to the best of his ability.

## ARTICLE X

### ELIGIBILITY FOR OFFICE

The candidates for office must not receive more than one "D" the term before election.

## ARTICLE XI

### MEETINGS

Section 1. Meetings may be called by the President.

Section 2. To be held at a time allotted by the college.

Section 3. Meetings may be called by the Council.

## ARTICLE XII

### NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

Section 1. The election of officers shall be held at the closing meeting each year, and shall be elected by ballot.

Section 2. Council members shall be elected at the first meeting of the college year, under the direction of the president.

## AMENDMENT TO

### *Men Students' Association Constitution*

## ARTICLE I

### BOARDS

The president shall have the power to appoint the chairmen of boards; and these chairmen shall have the power to appoint two members from the association. Appointments shall be made early in the year by the president. The powers of the Boards are stated below and any other given to them by the council.

Section 1. *Social Board*. The Social Board shall direct all social affairs held by the Association, namely: *Dances*, *Speakers for Association or College*, *Dramatics* and any other social activity pertaining to the association.

Section 2. *Publication Board*. The Publication Board shall have charge of all publications, namely: *Constitution copies*, *Handbooks*, advertising, and any other duties that may fall upon them.

Section 3. *Finance*. The Board of Finance shall have the Treasurer as chairman, and shall have charge of a yearly budget, all expenditures and purchase of magazines for Club Room, with the approval of President, Faculty Sponsor, and the Council.

Section 4. *Civic Board*. The Civic Board have direct power over the Club Room, Ushers, Clean Up Committee, Traffic Squad, and any other necessary duties.

## MEN'S ATHLETIC BOARD

The Men's Athletic Board is a branch of the M. S. A. At the beginning of each year every man pays five dollars which entitles him to all the athletic privileges. The power of this board is vested in its council. This council is composed of its officers, which are Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Physical Director (Mr. Crosier), Faculty Sponsor (Mr. Carpenter), Coaches, Captains, Managers and Assistant Managers of varsity sports, namely,—Soccer, Basket-ball, Baseball, and Tennis.

This council approves the appointment of coaches by the athletic director. They elect managers and assistant managers for the varsity teams. They apportion money to the different varsity sports. They draw up the point system and determine the awards. They handle all problems concerning athletics such as letters, certificates, field days, entertaining visiting teams, etc.

## ARTICLE II

### ATHLETICS

The management of athletics is the responsibility of the Athletic Council of the M. S. A.



Section 1. The Athletic Council shall consist of a chairman, secretary, and a treasurer; also, coaches, captains, managers, and assistant managers of all sports; the men's athletic director and the M. S. A. faculty sponsor.

Section 2. Before the final meeting of the M. S. A. in May, the Athletic Council shall present nominees for chairmanship of said council for the coming year.

At the final meeting of the M. S. A. said nominees shall be voted upon by ballot to determine the chairman of the Athletic Council for the coming year.

Section 3. The secretary and treasurer of the M. S. A. Council shall be chosen in the same manner as the chairman of said council.

Section 4. The captains of all sports shall be chosen by their respective teams for the ensuing year. This shall be done at the close of the season of each sport.

Section 5. The managers and assistants shall be elected by the Athletic council by the close of the year for the ensuing year.

Section 6. The athletic director shall select the coaches for all sports.

## MEN OFFICERS

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### *Extra Curricular Activities for 1932 — 33*

According to regulations laid down by the College administration, a member of the student body is eligible to only one major and two minor offices. Broadly speaking, a major office is considered to be the presidency of classes, clubs, societies, and athletics — other offices are minor.

## CLASS OFFICERS

*Senior Class Pres.* — JAMES HAMMOND

*Senior Class Treas.* — PETER McLAUGHLIN

*Sophomore Class Pres.* — HAROLD WASSENAR

*Sophomore Class Treas.* — DONALD TRACY

## MEN STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION

*President* — DANIEL SEYMOUR

*Vice-President* — CLIFTON SOUTHWORTH

*Secretary* — FRANK STEEVES

*Treasurer* — FRANK SKINYON

Council members will be elected in September.

## MEN'S ATHLETIC BOARD

*Chairman* — FRANK STEEVES

*Secretary* — CARL HEMPLE

*Treasurer* — AUSTIN KEARNS

*M. S. A. Sponsor* — C. E. CARPENTER

*Athletic Director* — FRANK CROSIER

## DRAMATIC CLUB

*Vice-President* — DANIEL SEYMOUR

*Treasurer* — ARTHUR HARPER

## MOHAWK CLUB

*President* — WILLIAM RILEY

*Vice-President* — RALPH DACEY

*Secretary* — JOHN GLENNON

*Treasurer* — CLEMENT LANZA

## GAVELEER SOCIETY

*President* — HAROLD SHEA

*Vice-President* — CARL HEMPLE

*Secretary* — DONALD TRACY

*Treasurer* — HOWARD GILHOOLY

## GEOGRAPHY CLUB

*President* — LUKE EARLY

## DEBATING CLUB

*President* — RALPH MAYO

*Treasurer* — EMILE JOHNSON

## SOCCER

*Coach* — JAMES HAMMOND

*Manager* — RALPH DACEY

*Captain* — WILLIAM RILEY

## BASKET BALL

*Coach* — JOHN HAGGERTY

*Manager* — HAROLD SHEA

*Captain* — AUSTIN KEARNS

## BASEBALL

*Manager* — EDWARD PONTE

## TENNIS

(Tennis is a new varsity sport, having been made so in the spring of 1932.)

*Manager and Captain* — DANIEL SEYMOUR

This is the song of your Alma Mater. Students are proud to commit every word to memory.

Why not follow their example and learn the words also?

## ALMA MATER

In days ago, when life, we dreamed,  
Was ideal as it seemed,  
And thoughts of untaught youth soared high,  
While only joy came nigh.  
'Twas then with vision clear we rose,  
With courage strong and heart of song  
To carry thy ideal on.

### CHORUS

So flag of Alma Mater float,  
On eternal wings of praise,  
For the unnumbered host today  
Their willing voices raise;  
Throughout the world their tiny flame  
From thy quick light still gleams,  
While youth and age united claim  
The home where fortune beams,  
The home where fortune beams.

In days to come, if life laid bare  
Seems far more gray than fair,  
Or if success with us climbs high  
While only joy comes nigh;  
'Tis then, in plight or might, we'll rise—  
Thy spirit never dies—  
With courage strong and hearts of song  
To carry thy ideal on.

### CHORUS

## TEN COMMANDMENTS FOR FRESHMEN

These commandments will be in force from the time of official notification until the night of initiation.

1. Thou shalt enter and leave the Administration Building through the rear portals only.

2. Thou shalt be seen not on the front campus.

3. Thou shalt play not on the tennis courts.

4. Thou shalt purchase and wear a freshman cap.

5. Smoke not in the Rest Room or within sight of the school grounds.

6. Thou shalt plainly print in *one-quarter inch* letters, with no capitals, on both sides of a tag, thy full name. (Losing thy tag, excuseth thee not).

7. Thou shalt wear neither knickers nor sweaters to school.

8. Thou shalt purchase and carry a bag which shall contain a large box of matches for thine upper-classmen.

9. Thou shalt talk not nor walk not with one of the opposite sex.

10. Thou shalt attend not any theatre in the city of Fitchburg except the Lyric.





